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SUBJ: MBFR AIR DATA

VIENNA FOR USDEL MBFR

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SUMMARY. MISSION APPRECIATES COMPREHENSIVE SUBMISSION ON MBFR AIR MANPOWER DATA CONTAINED REFTEL. WE PLAN TO INTRODUCE DATA AT FEB 5, MBFR WG MEETING. IN MEANTIME, WOULD APPRECIATE WASHINGTON GUIDANCE ON SEVERAL POINTS TO ASSIST MISSION IN EXPLAINING FIGURES AND PROPOSAL TO ADJUST DATA SEMI-ANNUALLY. ACTION REQUESTED: GUIDANCE ON QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS OUTLINED BELOW. END SUMMARY.

1. CURRENCY OF DATA. ON AIR MANPOWER DATA PROVIDED REFTEL,  
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CAN WASHINGTON PROVIDE DATE FOR WHICH US FIGURES ARE VALID?

2. VALIDITY OF US DATA ON ALLIED HOLDINGS. WE THINK WE  
SHOULD STRESS THAT CURRENT FIGURES ON ALLIED AIR MANPOWER

REPRESENT BEST WASHINGTON ESTIMATES OF ALLIED HOLDINGS, AND ADD THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO ADJUST OUR FIGURES IF INDIVIDUAL ALLIES HAVE MORE UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ON THEIR FORCES. FYI. WE UNDERSTAND THAT NATO DATA ON NATO AIR MANPOWER IS ESSENTIALLY SAME AS DATA IN REFTEL. END FYI.

3. RELATIONSHIP OF MBFR DATA TO OTHER NATO DATA HOLDINGS. WE THINK US SHOULD EMPHASIZE THAT DATA BEING PUT FORWARD FOR ALLIED AGREEMENT FOR MBFR PURPOSES WILL TRACK WITH OTHER US SUBMISSIONS TO NATO. ON ALLIED SIDE WE SHOULD SAY THAT US FIGURE WILL BE CONSISTENT WITH DATA IN US RESPONSE TO THE DPQ AND NATO FORCE PLANNING DATA BASE. ON PACT DATA, WE SHOULD STATE THAT CURRENT US PROPOSALS ON AIR MANPOWER WILL BE ESSENTIALLY THE SAME AS THOSE ON WHICH WE WILL SEEK ALLIED AGREEMENT FOR INCORPORATION INTO MC 161/74.

4. ROUTINE RE-ADJUSTMENT OF DATA. WE AGREE THAT MBFR DATA WILL REQUIRE PERIODIC UPDATING AND BELIEVE THAT ALLIES MIGHT ACCEPT MORE READILY WASHINGTON'S PROPOSAL FOR RE-ADJUSTING MBFR DATA SEMI ANNUALLY (PARA 8, REFTEL) IF WE COULD PROVIDE DETAILS AS TO HOW PROCESS WOULD WORK, FOR EXAMPLE, HOW IT WOULD MESH WITH CURRENT REVIEW CYCLE FOR ALLIED AND PACT FORCE DATA.

5. MEANING OF DATA. WE ASSUME AIR MANPOWER FIGURES IN REFTEL REPRESENT ACTUAL STRENGTH. WE ALSO BELIEVE US SHOULD STRESS THAT ANY FIGURES USED FOR MBFR PURPOSES (INCLUDING CURRENT AIR MANPOWER FIGURES) ARE GENERAL MAGNITUDE ESTIMATES. RUMSFELD

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